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**Petition for Extension**

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Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to file a response to the office action dated August 17, 2006 for which a three month due date for response expired on November 17, 2006. The extension of time expires after December 17, 2006.

A fee in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed. If any additional fee is required, please charge deposit account 04-0838. A copy of this request is enclosed for Deposit Account charging purposes. Small entity status applies to this application.

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